this purpose and the result of the review. No time limit for this can be indicated in view of the complexities involved.

Inclusion of meal charge in Rail Fare

4391. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cost of newpapers and the meals supplied to passengers in Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains is included in the journey fare;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cost of fare, mineral water, meals, newspapers, etc. separately, issued to passengers in New Delhi-Amritsar, New Delhi-Lucknow and New Delhi-Dehradun Shatabdi Express trains and HNZM-MCT Rajdhani Express trains;

(c) whether the free journey railway pass is issued to the Catering Staff/Contractors of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the cost of the above free rail journey passes, train-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The fare structure of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains includes the charges for amenities like bedroll, mineral water, newspaper etc, and are inclusive of charge for the higher speed and reservation and Catering charges, as per service added to the fare. The details of the chargeable fares are as under :—

	AC Chair Car (Rs.)	Executive Class (Rs.)	
I. Shatabdi Express			
(1) New Delhi-Amritsar	610	1220	
(2) New Delhi-Lucknow	640	1320	
(3) New Delhi-Dehradun	495	985	
II. Rajdhani Express	**3AC**	**2AC**	**First AC**
(4) Hazrat Nizamuddin-Mumbai Central	1485	2405	4180

The details of the meals charges which are included in the fares shown in the above table are as under :—

Pair of Stations	AC Chair Car/ 3AC/2AC (Rs.)	Executive/ FirstAC (Rs.)
(1) New Delhi-Amritsar	83.00	124.50
(2) New Delhi-Lucknow	91.30	136.95
(3) New Delhi-Dehradun	83.00	124.50
(4) Hazrat Nizamuddin-Mumbai Central	165.00	247.50

(c) No Sir. Catering Staff/Contractors of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains are issued only a travel authority to discharge their duty.

(d) Does not arise.

Pension Liabilities of the Railways

4392. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have received the Rakesh Mohan Committee report on its pension liabilities;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the reaction of the Railways thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Relevant extracts of the Report on Pension Liabilities are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Report is under examination.

Statement

Railways Pension Fund

The Railways established the Railway Pension Fund in 1964. The underlying intentions of the creators of this fund were good :

*it was to be funded out of railway revenues;